

Committee of the Whole No. 2 Meeting |  
Monday, April 11, 2016

### *Environment*

#### Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review

In January, the Board of Trustees recommended that the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review – Committee Report and Senior Administration Report for consideration at the Committee of the Whole No. 2 meeting on April 11, 2016.

The Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review - Committee Report and Senior Administration Report were prepared in accordance with Policy FT5 Pupil Accommodation Reviews.

A delegation from Tim Boyer (<http://bit.ly/23xhLX9>) was presented as written, delegations were heard from Michael Black (<http://bit.ly/1Ypj3jv>) and Allison Blake (<http://bit.ly/1N3YyZd>).

The Grand Erie District School Board Trustees recommended the approval of Senior Administration Recommendations for each school in the Accommodation Review:

- Rainham Central – no changes
- J.L. Mitchener – no changes
- Grandview Central – Close the school and reassign all students to a new school to be constructed at Fairview Avenue Public School
- Anna Melick – Close the school and reassign all students to Thompson Creek Elementary School
- Fairview Avenue Public School – Apply to the Ministry of Education for Capital Funding Approval to demolish the current school and build a replacement school on the Fairview site to accommodate current Fairview and Grandview Central students.
- Thompson Creek - Apply to the Ministry of Education for Capital Funding Approval to construct a four classroom addition onto Thompson Creek to provide sufficient total capacity to accommodate current Thompson Creek and Anna Melick students.

With a report back on the status by May 2017.

The Board will confirm the approval of the recommended motion at the Regular Board Meeting on April 25, 2016.

For more information, click here to access the full report to Board: <http://bit.ly/1N3Z2ON>

**Secondary Eco Conference:** On Wednesday, April 13, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Camp Trillium Grand Erie secondary student will participate in a day of environmental learning, engagement and action in order to educate and train students to become environmental stewards. The day will also include keynote speakers and workshops



that will educate and engage students to become environmental leaders. Workshop presenters and guest speakers include: Matt Tod, Environmental Youth Leadership and Me to We Speaker; Grand River Conservation Authority; Nipissing University Student Advisory Committee; Derek Forgie, Eco Allies; and Nature's Calling, Environmental Education.

**Equity Speaker Series:** The next series in the Equity portfolio is Crossing All Bridges & Everyone is Able on April 13 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Joseph Brant Learning Centre. Paula Thomlison, the Executive Director of Crossing All Bridges, will share information about this organization and its mission to provide life-long opportunities for social, recreational and educational pursuits for the adult (18 years +) population living with developmental challenges. Participants will also be introduced to the Everyone Is Able DVD resource. The workshop explores various ways to use this DVD as a professional development opportunity for staff to uncover their own assumptions/myths/stereotypes and increase sensitivity and awareness of issues around abilities/disabilities.

**Secondary Class Size:** The Grand Erie District School Board recommended the approval of an increase to the average aggregate Secondary School Class size to 22 for 2016-2017.

- Click here to read the Secondary Class Size report: <http://bit.ly/1qDxSV1>

**Facility Renewal Plan 2015-2016:** The Grand Erie District School Board recommended the approval of the Facility Renewal Plan for 2015-16. Projects total \$12,469,539 funded by Facility Renewal and School Condition Improvement grants. Within this funding, projects include Principal Building and Grounds, Pride of Place, Community Partnership Incentive Program, Capital Projects Identified by Facilities, LED Lighting Retrofit, and Committed Capital.

- Pride of Place, for example, supports each school with funding that allocates \$650,000 worth of smaller projects such as new paint, upgraded lighting, carpet replacement, and window treatments etc.
- Community Partnership Incentive Program received 33 applications from schools with a total estimated project value of \$410,160, half of which was raised by community and parent groups.



For a complete list of Facility Renewal projects, click on the following link: <http://bit.ly/23xj60m>

**Educational Technology Plan Update:** In November, a report outlining the beginning of Phase 6 of the Educational Technology Plan was presented to Trustees. At that time, the Educational Technology Team had begun "Backfill" Professional Development for new hires, LTO's, and teachers who had not yet been involved in previous Educational Technology workshops. At this point in the school year, all installations are complete and the last few classrooms on the Hardware Refresh list are being outfitted with new tablets. The new professional development plans are well underway as we head into the final 3 months of the school year.

- For more information on the Educational Technology Initiative, click here: <http://bit.ly/1S0OcWD>

## Achievement

### Director Visit School and Highlights Program Offerings:

- **Tollgate Technological Skills Centre:** On Friday, April 8, 2016, Director Blancher visited Tollgate Technological Skills Centre and had a tour of the facilities – a Horticulture classroom, the Greenhouse, and lastly, the Foods Program where she enjoyed a fresh zucchini and cucumber noodle salad with pesto dressing. In each classroom, she was able to witness students engaged in their learning and the demonstration of pride in their accomplishments.
- **Brantford Collegiate Institute:** On Monday, April 11, 2016, Director Blancher also toured Brantford Collegiate Institute with Principal Myhal where she visited the Library Learning Commons and experienced the Lego wall and also saw examples of student work from the Grade 9 geography class where students created their own planets and amazing samples of student artwork – drawings, painting and photography displayed throughout the school.

## Engagement

**Information Technology Services Annual Report:** The Grand Erie District School Board received the Information Technology Annual Update as information. The mission of Information Technology Services (ITS) is to provide and maintain a state of the art, reliable and cost-effective technology environment in order to support learning in the classroom, optimize the administrative functions of the Board and, ultimately, improve student achievement at Grand Erie District School Board, in alignment with the Board's Multi-Year Plan.

- Click here to read the full report: <http://bit.ly/1Q2YrYi>

**Summer School Report:** In 2016, Summer School will be held in two locations: Brantford Collegiate Institute (BCI) and Hagersville Secondary School (HSS). Both locations will offer full credit, reach ahead credit, and credit recovery courses. Full credit courses will also be available to students through eLearning. Summer School programs offer students the opportunity to make up for unsuccessful credit attempts in regular day school or to upgrade their mark. In addition, Summer School provides an opportunity for students to achieve additional credits on their path to graduation.

- For more, click here: <http://bit.ly/1Dskg0x>

**Annual School Effectiveness Framework Report:** The School Effectiveness Framework revised in 2013 and implemented in 2013-14 school year includes a process for school self-assessment and systematic school reviews. It was developed as a resource to assist schools to plan for and undertake precise and intentional school improvement focused on the achievement of all students. It also guides the process whereby schools examine the implementation of their strategies for school improvement to determine areas of strength and identify next steps for refinement.

- To view the School Effectiveness Framework Report, click here: <http://bit.ly/23xnj3Z>

**Education Week 2016:** Education Week is an annual event celebrated across the Grand Erie District School Board; this year the week is celebrated from Monday, May 2 to Friday, May 6, 2016. The theme for Education Week is aligned with *Mental Health Week: Journey to Well-Being*. The Education Week Committee also recognizes the Ministry of Education's theme for *Education Week: Achieving Excellence: Promoting Well-Being*.

- For more information, click on the following report: <http://bit.ly/1qIGGcj>

**Full-Day Kindergarten Before and After School Programs:** School boards have the flexibility to enter into agreements with third-party operators where there is the demand of 10 families or more for the extended day program. The Grand Erie District School Board made the decision to partner with third-party providers to offer the before- and after-school programs to 39 sites and nine pending.

- For more information and a list of care programs as of April, 2016, click on the following report: <http://bit.ly/1Nkodal>

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## ADDITIONAL ITEMS

### Upcoming Calendar Events

- **ARC Meeting:** The second meeting of the South East Norfolk ARC takes place at Lakewood Elementary in Port Dover on April 12, at 7:00 pm.
- **Special Education Information Night at Agnes G. Hodge Public School** - Tuesday, April 12, 2016 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Contract Award - Server Products and Services:** The Grand Erie District School Board recommended the approval of the award of server products and services for Wi-Fi access points to Compugen through the Ministry of Government services and that the RFP not exceed \$450,000.00 plus H.S.T. Click here to access the report: <http://bit.ly/1UVpehp>

**Capital Planning Capacity Program:** The Grand Erie District School Board receive the Capital Planning Capacity Program Report as information and the report can be viewed here: <http://bit.ly/1N42kld>